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BARMOUTH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DISTRICT MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR 1958.

Mr. Chairman, Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit the Annual Health Report for the year ending 31st December, 1958.

The Registrar General's estimate of population once again showed a fall in population, this time of ten, which was half the previous year's decrease.

The number of live births rose sharply to 35 from 22 in 1957, but were still less than the 1956 total (42). Two of these live births were illegitimate (none in 1957) and the number of still births decreased from four to one.

There was no maternal mortality during the year.

For the second year running there were no deaths of infants under one year.

Deaths were one fewer than in 1957. Deaths from Cancer increased from 3 to 8 and three of these were cancer of the lung.

Once again there were no deaths from Tuberculosis (for the third year in succession) and there were no new cases of Pulmonary disease notified. Two new cases of Non-Pulmonary disease were received.

Five cases of Scarlet Fever occurred but the disease was of minimal severity and there were no complications.

There was a widespread epidemic of measles during the year, 113 cases being notified.

No cases of Food Poisoning occurred.

I wish to thank Mr. Price and all Officers of the Council for their co-operation.

I am,

Your Obedient Servant,

EVAN RICHARDS.

M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.
Medical Officer of Health.

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SECTION A.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

BARMOUTH.

Area of Urban District	1952.8 acres.
Rateable Value	£34,509.
Population (Registrar General's figures)	2,300
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	£123.
Number of inhabited houses (According to the Rate Books) at end of year	1,054.

VITAL STATISTICS.

Comparability Factors

Births	1.09
Deaths	0.80

LIVE BIRTHS	Males.	Females.
Total	16	19
Legitimate	15	18
Illegitimate	1	1

LIVE BIRTH RATE PER 1,000 Population 15.22

1957 figures 9.53

STILL BIRTHS	Males.	Females.
Total	Nil	1

STILL BIRTH RATE PER 1,000 Population 0.43

TOTAL BIRTHS (Live & Still) 36

Live 35

Still 1

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR.	Males.	Females.
Total) Legitimate) Illegitimate)	NIL	

Infant Mortality (Rate per 1000 Live Births) Nil

1957 figures Nil

Deaths of Legitimate Infants

Mortality (per 1,000 Legitimate Live Births) Nil

Deaths of Illegitimate Infants

Mortality (Per 1,000 Illegitimate Live Births) Nil

Deaths of Infants Under 4 weeks.	Males.	Females.
Total) Legitimate) Illegitimate)	NIL	

Illegitimate Live Births (per 1,000 population) 0.86

MATERNAL DEATHS (including abortion) Nil.

MATERNAL MORTALITY (Rate per 1,000 live and still births) NIL

Death connected with childbirth and pregnancy NIL

1957 figure 1

(1[illegible]) INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Total number of Infectious Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) notified during the year = 118.

Scarlet Fever	5
Bacillary Dysentry	-
Whooping Cough	-
Measles	113
Infantile Paralysis	-

TUBERCULOSIS. NEW CASES.

Pulmonary	Total	NIL		
Non-Pulmonary	Total	2		
		Males	Females	
		2	-	

TUBERCULOSIS DEATHS.

Pulmonary	Total	NIL
Non-Pulmonary	Total	NIL

TUBERCULOSIS.

NEW CASES AND MORTALITY DURING 1958 -IN AGE GROUPS.

Age Periods.	NEW CASES. Respiratory.		NEW CASES. Non-Respiratory.		DEATHS. Respiratory.		DEATHS. Non-Respiratory.	
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BARMOUTH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

REPORT OF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1958.

To the Chairman and Members,
Barmouth Urban District Council.

Gentlemen,

I herewith beg to submit my report upon the sanitary circumstances of the district during 1958:-

1. Water Supply.

Early in the year we carried out scraping operations of the trunk main from the service reservoir to the southern end of the town, a distance of about 4 miles. The main service reservoir and also the service reservoir on the secondary water supply undertaking were cleaned out. At the end of the summer season we carried out scraping operations in some of the secondary watermains that had never before received such treatment. These secondary watermains involved a length of about 2 miles and about 300 feet of old 2½" diameter pipeline were replaced by 3" diameter cement asbestos pipes. It was our intention to scrape all the secondary mains but owing to pressure of work in other departments we were unable to do so. The supply was adequate at all times to meet the needs of the district and the results of periodic sampling were all "Highly Satisfactory".

2. Drainage and Sewerage.

During the latter end of the year we started on sewer scraping operations in Park Road.This arose following a series of complaints arising from flooding of certain premises after exceptionally heavy rains. The sewer was partly silted up and some tons of silt were brought up to the surface. After completing the Park Road section we continued with the section of sewer running between St. Anne's Square and theRoyal Hotel.

On the 30th December we discovered a blocked sewer in Church Street but the blockage could not be removed by the usual methods and eventually it ended up in the total reconstruction of approximately 45 yards of sewer.

3. Rivers and Streams.

There were no cases of pollution of rivers or streams.

4. Closet Accommodation.

There were no known cases of change over from the dry conservancy system to the water carriage system.

5. Public Cleansing:-

Refuse is collected by a purpose made lorry and is carted to a centrally situated refuse tip within the urban area. The tipping ground is a piece of marshy ground which is gradually being reclaimed for the purpose of a recreation ground. Tipping is being carried out under the semi-controlled system and blown sand from the promenade is used as a medium for covering the tip. Sand is the only material readily available for this purpose. During the year a new refuse collecting vehicle was purchased to replace the old one.

6. Sanitary Inspections of the Area.

Total number of Inspections	=	337
Notices served - Formal	=	2
Informal	=	1

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2. (a) Number of dwellinghouses under sub-head (1) above which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925 ... ... Nil

(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ... ... Nil

3. Number of dwellinghouses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation ... 4

4. Number of dwellinghouses, exclusive of those referred to under the preceeding sub-head found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation 4

5. Remedy for defects during the year without service of Formal Notice ... ... Nil

Rendered fit - informal action by local authority ... ... Nil

9. ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING THE YEAR.

1. Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 & 16 of the Housing Act, 1936:-

(a) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs ... ... Nil

(b) Number of dwellinghouses which were rendered fit after service of Formal Notices:- Nil

(i) by the Owners

(ii) by the Local Authority in default of owners ... ... Nil

2. Proceedings under the Public Health Acts:-

(a) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs ... ... Nil

(b) Number of dwellinghouses in which defaults were remedied after service of Formal Notice

(i) by the Owners ... ... Nil

(ii)by the Local Authority in default of owners ... ... Nil

3. Proceedings under Sections 11 & 13 of the Housing Act, 1936:-

(a) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made ... ... Nil

(b) Number of dwellinghouses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders ... ... Nil

4. Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936:-

(a) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made 1

(b) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or rooms having been rendered fit ... ... Nil

5. Housing Act, 1936 - Part V - Overcrowding:-

(a) (i) Number of dwellings overcrowded at end of year 2
(ii) Number of families dwelling therein 2
(iii) Number of persons dwelling therein 8

(b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year ... Nil

(c) (i) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year ... 2
(ii) Number of persons concerned in above 5

(d) Particulars of any cases in which dwelling houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding ... ... Nil

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INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Routine Inspection of Foodstuffs was carried out during the year.

Large quantities of tinned and other foodstuffs, voluntarily surrendered, were condemned.

Samples of milk and icecream were submitted for analysis and the reports were quite.satisfactory.

All meat, slaughtered locally, was duly inspected.

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
Number of animals killed and inspected	50	3	1622	130
All diseases except Tuberculosis - whole carcasses condemned	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	No records kept- quantities condemned not weighed.			
Tuberculosis only - whole carcasses condemned	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

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Public Health Inspector.

20th November, 1959.

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